

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5441–S5462*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3296–3299, and S. Res. 597–599. **Page S5455**

**Measures Reported:**

H.R. 4567, to require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan. (S. Rept. No. 115–308)

H.R. 497, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal lands in San Bernardino County, California, to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, and to accept in return certain non-Federal lands.

H.R. 2582, to authorize the State of Utah to select certain lands that are available for disposal under the Pony Express Resource Management Plan to be used for the support and benefit of State institutions.

H.R. 2768, to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak”.

H.R. 2897, to authorize the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service to enter into cooperative management agreements for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System in the District of Columbia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 4609, to provide for the conveyance of a Forest Service site in Dolores County, Colorado, to be used for a fire station.

S. Res. 501, recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the Government of the United States to promote democracy and good governance, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 541, expressing the sense of the Senate that any United States-Saudi Arabia civilian nuclear cooperation agreement must prohibit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from enriching uranium or separating plutonium on its own territory, in keeping with the strongest possible nonproliferation “gold

standard”, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 571, condemning the ongoing illegal occupation of Crimea by the Russian Federation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 436, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, to substitute certain land selections of the Navajo Nation, to designate certain wilderness areas, with amendments.

S. 440, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 930, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1023, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2021, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1030, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to submit to Congress a report on certain hydropower projects, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1142, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2074, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2102, to clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5454–55**

**Measures Passed:**

**National Lobster Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 599, designating September 25, 2018, as “National Lobster Day”. **Page S5462**

**House Messages:**

**The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the cloture motion with respect to the House Message to accompany S. 1182, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 100th anniversary of The American Legion, be withdrawn, and the motion to refer and the motion to concur with amendment be withdrawn, and Senate vote on the motion to concur without further intervening action or debate at 12:15 p.m., on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. **Page S5462**

**Grant Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Britt Cagle Grant, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Pages S5443–47**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 172), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5447**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the vote on confirmation of the nomination occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, July 31, 2018; and that following disposition of the nomination, there be up to five minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form, and following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on the mo-

tion to invoke cloture on Shelby Amendment No. 3399, to H.R. 6147, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. **Page S5462**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. **Page S5462**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S5452–54**

**Petitions and Memorials:** **Page S5454**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S5455–57**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S5457–59**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5450–52**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S5459–62**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—172) **Page S5447**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5462.)

## *Committee Meetings*

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D879)

S. 490, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam. Signed on July 27, 2018. (Public Law 115–219)

S. 931, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4910 Brighton Boulevard in Denver, Colorado, as the “George Sakato Post Office”. Signed on July 27, 2018. (Public Law 115–220)

S. 2734, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. Signed on July 27, 2018. (Public Law 115–221)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Dan Michael Berkovitz, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and James E. Hubbard, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine the internet and digital communications, focusing on the impact of global internet governance, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael A. Hammer, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kyle McCarter, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, and Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine reducing health care costs, focusing on decreasing administrative spending, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine immigration enforcement and family reunification efforts, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the structure of the Federal courts, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 31 through August 3, 2018  
Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Britt Cagle Grant, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, post-cloture.

At 12:15 p.m., Senate will vote in relation to the House Message to accompany S. 1182, The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act (legislative vehicle for National Flood Insurance Program).

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Britt Cagle Grant.

Following disposition of the nomination of Britt Cagle Grant, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Shelby Amendment No. 3399, to H.R. 6147, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* July 31, business meeting to consider the nominations of Dan Michael Berkovitz, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and James E. Hubbard, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* August 2, business meeting to consider the nominations of Kathleen Laura Kraninger, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Elad L. Roisman, of Maine, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Michael R. Bright, of the District of Columbia, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, and Rae Oliver, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Dino Falaschetti, of Montana, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, 10:15 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* July 31, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine the internet and digital communications, focusing on the impact of global internet governance, 10 a.m., SR-253.

August 1, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2242, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with respect to post-storm assessments, S. 2773, to improve the management of driftnet fishing, S. 2861, to prosecute, as a Federal crime, the assault or intimidation of a passenger train crew member to the same extent as such actions against aircraft crew members are prosecuted, S. 3119, to allow for the taking of sea lions on the Columbia River and its tributaries to protect endangered and threatened species of salmon and other non-listed fish species, S. 3143, to provide for a coordinated Federal program to accelerate quantum research and development for the economic and national security of the United States, S. 3265, to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency, S. 3273, to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports, an original bill entitled, "Space Frontier Act of 2019", and the nominations of Rick A. Dearborn, of

Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, and Martin J. Oberman, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, 9:45 a.m., SD-G50.

August 1, Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine the search for life, focusing on utilizing science to explore our solar system and make new discoveries, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* August 1, business meeting to consider H.R. 5772, to designate the J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Courthouse in Amarillo, Texas, as the “J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Mary Lou Robinson United States Courthouse”, S. 3021, to designate the United States courthouse located at 300 South Fourth Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the “Diana E. Murphy United States Courthouse”, the nominations of William Charles McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, Mary Bridget Neumayr, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and John Fleming, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, and General Services Administration resolutions, 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

August 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency’s agenda, focusing on protecting the environment and allowing America’s economy to grow, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* August 1, business meeting to consider the nominations of Justin George Muzinich, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, and Michael J. Desmond, of California, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel, both of the Department of the Treasury, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* July 31, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael A. Hammer, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kyle McCarter, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, and Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

August 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of R. Clarke Cooper, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (Political-Military Affairs), and John Cotton Richmond, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

August 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine assessing the value of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization alliance, 10:45 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* July 31, to hold hearings to examine reducing health care costs, focusing on decreasing administrative spending, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* July 31, to hold an oversight hearing to examine immigration enforcement and family reunification efforts, 10 a.m., SH-216.

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August 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard J. Sullivan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Diane Gujarati, Eric Ross Komitee, and Rachel P. Kovner, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, John L. Sinatra, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, and Lewis J. Liman, and Mary Kay Vyskocil, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* August 1, to hold hearings to examine S. 3184, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the requirements for applications for construction of State home facilities to increase the maximum percentage of nonveterans allowed to be treated at such facilities, S. 1596, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase certain funeral benefits for veterans, S. 2881, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the city of Vallejo, California, for the transfer of Mare Island Naval Cemetery in Vallejo, California, S. 1952, to improve oversight and accountability of the financial processes of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1990, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amounts payable by the Department of Veterans Affairs for dependency and indemnity compensation, to modify the requirements for dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain veterans rated totally disabled at the time of death, S. 2485, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide payment of Medal of Honor special pension under such title to the surviving spouse of a deceased Medal of Honor recipient, S. 2748, to amend title 10, United States Code, to require members of the Armed Forces to receive additional training under the Transition Assistance Program, S. 514, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy to veterans, H.R. 299, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, H.R. 5418, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program using multiple prime vendors, an original bill entitled, “Veterans Dental Care Eligibility Expansion and Enhancement Act of 2018”, an original bill entitled, “VA Hiring Enhancement Act”, an original bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to award grants to persons to provide and coordinate the provision of suicide prevention services for veterans transitioning from service in the Armed Forces who are at risk of suicide and for their families, and an original bill entitled, “Modernization of Medical Records Access for Veterans Act”, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

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August 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine foreign influence operations and their use of social media platforms, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 31

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*(Senate will recess from following disposition of the House Message to accompany S. 1182, until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 31

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** House will meet in Pro forma session at 10 a.m.



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